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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO PAPER NO. 9

In response to the Final Office Action dated March 24, 2003 (Paper No. 9), the period for response having been extended by a petition for extension of time and fee filed concurrently herewith, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.173(b), please enter the following amendment:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Column 1, lines 4-5, first paragraph:

This application is a reissue application of U.S. Patent No. 5,837,531, which issued on November 17, 1998, from U.S. Application S.N. 08/646,246, which is a national phase application under 35 U.S.C. 371 of PCT/FR 94/01284, filed Nov. 07, 1994, which claims priority to FR 93 13766 filed on November 18, 1993.